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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Applicants filed a notice of appeal on December 9, 2002. In response to the advisory action mailed December 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 5-6, 8-11 and 58-65.

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 7 as follows. (All the pending claims, whether or not amended, are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.)

-- 1. (Twice Amended) A method for identifying a subunit specific modulator of the N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor, comprising:

a) providing a plurality of recombinant NMDA receptors which differ in their subunit identity, wherein the plurality of NMDA receptors have identical NR2 subunits and differ in NR1 subunits, and wherein at least one NR1 subunit is an isoform with amino acid substitution mutations that correspond to mutations R182A, K193A, K202A, R233A, and R252A of NR1011;

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